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Cost of Westland employees' gas use is a non-issue

I read the "Gas Hog of the Year" Sound Off, and I was wondering if the city was using too much gas. So I did the math for an average tank of gas at an average cost per gallon.

I came up with 960 gallons unaccounted for; but remember, the math was for an average vehicle and not for the bigger trucks the city owns.

So this reader has decided that the cost of gas for the city is a non-issue.

I do believe that those people receiving personal vehicles as perks should pay for their own gas unless they use that vehicle for city use. City use does not include driving that vehicle to work, and this is the issue that has to be resolved.

Fallen Mayor Thomas advised not to stand for re-election

Heard that Westland Mayor Thomas is thinking about running. Wasn't it bad enough that you fell off the stage at the Helenic Cultural Center? Now you want to fall on your face.

Why can't Fire Chief Mark Neal find Patricia Hanson?

If the Westland Fire Department can find Mrs. Hanson's house, why can't Fire Chief Neal find Mrs. Hanson at a city council meeting so he can answer her questions?

Whenever Mrs. Hanson shows up, all the Chief seems to be able to do is find the door.

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Five File For two school board seats

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Special Writer

The deadline to file for the school board election was April 9th at 4:00 p.m. At that time 5 people filed for the two available positions.

Filing were Richard Coate, April Frayer, Cheryle Buckley, Kenneth Berlinn (incumbent), and Patricia Johnson.

Eva Webb, board member for the last 4 years decided to not run again for her spot on the board so that she can pursue a career in family counseling. About her time on the board Ms. Webb said, "I loved it because it was a desire in my heart to support the children, teachers, and administrators." Ms. Webb felt that the forte of her time on the board was the new pool being built at Romulus High School. She added, "My motto is to do the best that I can do to help someone."

Why Are They Running?

Mr. Berlinn is the current Vice President of the School Board, and has been a member of the board for 19 years. Berlinn explained his run for office, "Things still have to be done. There are building projects to complete, and MEAP Scores to raise. I want to make sure our kids are getting a good education."

Candidate Richard Coate, Ford engineer says that his experiences as a manufacturing engineer and systems analyst would help him bring a better understanding of technology to the district. "My wife and her mother went through Romulus School. I have two older daughters who completed their education in Romulus schools, and a third daughter in the 8th grade in Romulus Schools. I think it is a good time for me to give back to the community," he said.

Coate's two older daughters are in college so Coate's feels Romulus Schools are working. About the schools Coate's commented, "I think they're doing a good job and I would like to help them be successful."

Coate's first considered running for school board when he heard that board member Alan Lambert was deciding to run for mayor, and that his seat would soon be opening up. Even though his seat is not yet available, Coate decided to run now. He commented, "I just feel it is a good time to do it, while I still have a child in the school district." Coate said that he has been told verbally that he would be supported by a couple of current school board mem-

bers, and will be seeking the support of the teachers union.

Two of the women running are parents who have concerns about specific deficiencies in the Romulus schools.

Candidate, and mother of a Romulus High School Sophomore, Cheryle Buckley decided to run to help bring student test scores up. "I hope to bring a fresh perspective, a parent's point of view. I want to assure that our kids get a quality education, and can be competitive with the schools in the surrounding areas. I want them to be prepared for the MEAP, SAT, and ACT tests so that they will be able to meet the next level of education," said Buckley, 22 year GM employee, and lifelong resident of Romulus.

Buckley added, "Some parents feel their voice is not heard through the board or the administration. I would just like my voice to be heard on behalf of the parents. My whole family has been through Romulus Schools so I have a steak in Romulus Schools. I feel that I can make a difference to insure a good education."

Licensed Real Estate Agent Patricia Johnson takes a special interest in the Head Start Program in Romulus Schools, and hopes to bring them up to a higher standard. Johnson said, "I am running, not so much to be a board member, but because of things that our schools are doing to effect our funding. The district is cutting programs that help our students, and especially hurt single parent led families."

Johnson is a volunteer who serves on the Wayne County Policy Council for Head Start, and on the Guidance Center Policy Committee for the Head Start Program. She commented, "We have resources for our head start system, but it is in the hands of people that don't know how it is supposed to be run. Programs are not making it to reach the children they are supposed to help. Money is not being properly spent. It is time to be concerned about the child and what is best for them."

The mother of an 8 year old, two 3 year old twins, and an 18 month old, Johnson added, "There needs to be parent's on our school board because it is about having the best for all of our children. A lot of board members will sit at the board meetings but they are not in our school systems to see what is happening. It is our responsibility as a parent to get in there to see what is going on."

Johnson would like to see the school board meetings televised,

Romulus sponsors Mystery Night on April 27

The City of Romulus and the Romulus Arts Council are sponsoring a musical mystery night at the Double Tree Hotel on Friday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. The event, produced and staged by Michael Klier of Theatre Arts Productions (TAP Ltd.) will feature a buffet dinner, dessert, and a mystery to be solved.

"This acting group travels across the country performing for large companies, schools, and local governments," said Rich Marsh, the Romulus Community Development Department Director, and event coordinator. "They are known to be very comical, and interactive," he added.

"The theme is an audition for a part in a mystery movie. Clues will be given out between 6 and 7, and during dinner. After dinner

there will be a little performance," said Maria Lambert, Marsh's assistant.

Attendees will be involved in the event, and are encouraged to come dressed in detective garb. "People can dress as they want, including anyone from Scooby Doo, James Bond, Cagney & Lacey, or someone else. The best dressed detective will receive a prize," said Lambert. She included, "The 'detective' that guesses the murderer will also receive a prize."

The event is being sponsored by the city as part of its efforts to provide entertainment within Romulus as there is currently a lack of movie theaters or other forms of entertainment. Marsh said,

The City of Romulus obtained a Wayne County Block Grant to



Barricades and snarled traffic will be common place along Van Born Road this year, where construction has started. Photo by Douglas Bedell.

Van Born widening begins

Work begins this week on the long awaited \$5.5 million dollar Van Born road improvement project. The widening and reconstruction of Van Born between Inkster and Merriman roads may create inconveniences for the time being, but officials promise smooth sailing once the project is completed in June, 2002.

"Van Born is pretty in some places," said the county's highway engineer, Kevin Maillard. "The original two lanes of Van Born...laid in 1927 are still there. Once you get 80 years out of a

pavement, I'd say it's outlived its usefulness, and it's time to reconstruct it."

"When this work is done...the entire length of Van Born Road, from Canton Center to the Southfield Freeway will be smooth and pothole-free," added Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara.


Dan's Excavating of Shelby Township will begin this week tearing out the two westbound lanes between Merriman and Inkster, and installing underground storm sewers. The work will begin at Inkster and move

westward to Merriman over the next few weeks. Officials have promised that one lane will remain open for traffic at all times.

Cameron Priebe, Wayne County Director of Public Services said, "There will be some delays as a result of the lane reductions, but we won't have to come back for up to thirty years."

Traffic on Van Born ranges from 25,000 to 30,000 vehicles per day. When Van Born is complete, the road will accommodate up to 45,000 vehicles per day.

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Avondale H.S. Jazz Ensemble				
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Romulus Band Director Henry James proudly shows off his jazz band's first division rating at the recent MSBOA regional jazz festival.

Jazz Band earns top ratings

The Romulus Senior High Jazz Band has again been accorded a final First Division rating at the annual MSBOA Regional Jazz Band Festival. The Festival was hosted for the fourth consecutive year by Romulus, Romulus Band Director Henry James served as the site host chairperson.

James, who is also the Romulus Schools Music Department Head, was pleased with the performance of his students. "The kids really came together at just the right time with a fine performance," noted James.

Only four of the seventeen bands who competed at the site

received the coveted first division rating. Other "1" bands included Northville, Monroe Jefferson and Warren Cousino.

The Romulus Jazz Band has an impressive string of first division ratings and has been invited to perform six times at the annual Ford Jazz Festival held in Detroit.

Northline Road expanded to accommodate business

On Wednesday, April 11th the City of Romulus held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the newly expanded Northline Road.

The new road went from two lanes to four lanes to accommodate the growing commercial and residential area.

David Cox, the Mayor's Assistant, said, "The businesses wanted to be able to expand but the infrastructure would not support it."

The one mile stretch of road took one year and 4.6 million dollars to complete.

Mayor Bill Oakley commented, "The new road will bring more tax base to the community

and increase the safety for people approaching the airport from the North." He noted, "Because of new road there is already one brand new building ready to be occupied, and two others that will be developed."

Cox added, "There are eight permit applications pending for businesses that want to expand or build new buildings. Two buildings that were vacant before are now occupied."

"TIFA funds were essential in the completion of this project. These funds are intended to create or keep jobs in Michigan. We will be expanding Goddard Road next," concluded Cox.

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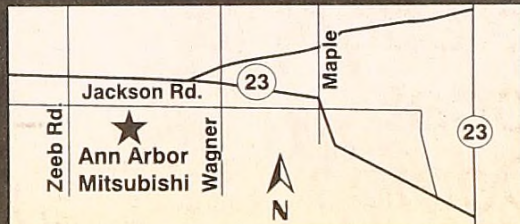
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Wayne churches to celebrate National Day of Prayer

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne Wesleyan Church and the First Baptist Church of Wayne are among the many local and area religious institutions that are preparing to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

Across the nation, citizens will pause on May 3 to pray for the welfare of nation and its leaders.

It is the 50th anniversary of this solemn occasion.

"We're welcoming the public to join us in intercession on behalf of our nation in prayer," says Cathy Buiten, of First Baptist. "This year's theme is 'One Nation Under God' and Dr. Billy Graham is this year's honorary chairman."

First Baptist Church of Wayne

is located just east of the Glenwood railroad tracks.

The program will begin at noon and will continue to 8 p.m. in the Centennial Hall. The program includes a reading of Dr. Graham's prayer in unison, together with participants in all 50 states.

From 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., church officials say that there will be a casual hot dog dinner.

Children, ages 3 to 12, also will participate in a children's program with emphasis on prayer for our nation.

Contact the church office at 734-721-7410 for further information.

Carol Glass, of Wayne Wesleyan Church, noted that the church congregation will be coordinating prayer events as well as present-

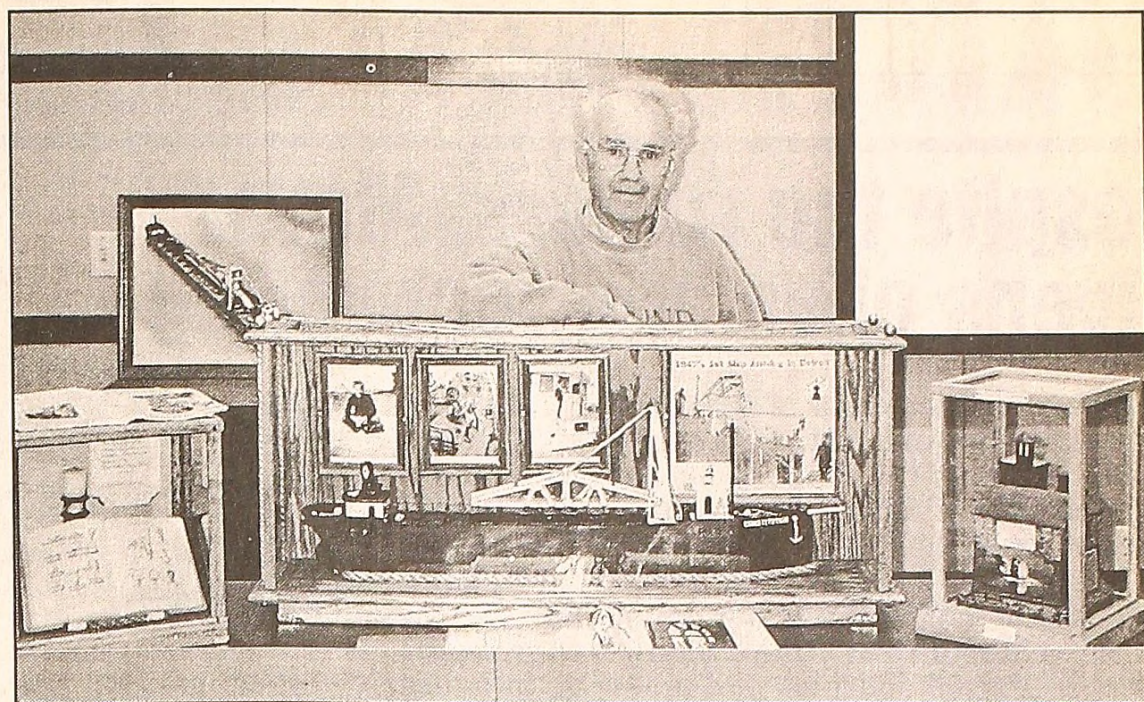
ing a dramatic skit and live band at Goudy Park.

The park is located behind the Wayne City Hall, on Wayne Road, north of Michigan Ave.

The National Day of Prayer was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1952 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The purpose for the 'Day of Prayer' is a hope that all Americans of all faiths can unite in prayer for the nation and its leaders.

Glass may be contacted at 595-6761 for further information.

There are also programs being staged in the City of Inkster and the surrounding communities, including Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren, Sumpter, and Westland.



Keeping the lights on...

Keeping the lights on at the state's lighthouses can be a hectic job at times. Restoring the lighthouses can be challenging and interesting as explained by Dale Gensman (above) whose fascinating presentation of the restoration of Round Island and St. Helena Lighthouses was the topic of discussion at the Wayne Public Library. Gensman, his daughter, Connie, and Jennifer Medvecky headlined the program which included slides of the refurbishing of Round Island Lighthouse. "We are grateful to both speakers for their fine visual presentations at the Wayne Public Library," says Carol Kelly, Adult Services Librarian.



Sheriff Robert Ficano

Ficano to address local Democrats

Is he - or isn't he going to run? Is longtime Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano going to make a bid for the top job in the county - the Wayne County Executive position?

Some politicians say Ficano is poised to do so. They point to the more than 100,000 votes he received in his recent reelection bid for the sheriff's job.

Whether Ficano is going to make a run for Edward McNamara's job or not, he will be in Wayne on May 9th, and local residents may want to ask him that question or ask the county's top law enforcement officer about his future plans.

Ficano is the keynote speaker at the monthly meeting of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club. The local Dems will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis Roads.

"Mr. Ficano has always been an interesting person to hear, and we're eager to hear what he has to say. We are also inviting residents and friends to join us and hear him speak," said Cliff Johnson, president of the 100-member Metro Wayne Democratic Club.

For those who need further information about the program or the local Democratic Club, contact Johnson at 734-729-8681.

DECA Club is big winner

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It's never too late to honor big winners.

And the four members of the DECA Club - Distribution Education Clubs of America - all from the Wayne-Westland schools recently competed at the State of Michigan's business level and came out winners from a field of 120 entries.

The four students from John Glenn earned the title of finalists. The four-student Team Decision Making team captured top honors in their division and qualified for the national DECA champi-

onships staged in Anaheim, California.

Members of the top-notch team are: Seniors Matt Berent and Brian Opalinski, and juniors April Currington and Kirby Thomas. The other state finalist was Thomas Kusch, a junior. He competed in the Technical Marketing Event. Other Glenn competitors included Trisha Martinez, a senior; Sheryl Wilson, a junior. Both competed in the Apparel and Accessories Marketing Event.

DECA faculty sponsor Don Emmons, who accompanied the finalists to California, said he was proud of the students.

Seniors to hold rummage sale

Seniors at the Wayne Towers will hold a building rummage sale beginning at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

There will be a wide range

of items up for sale, including books, clothes and trinkets.

Wayne Tower, home to seniors and the handicapped, is located at 35200 Sims Road.

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-18 APRIL 17, 2001

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, April 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Discussion regarding cable television. Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Court to host Law Day program

A Mock Trial, along with informative workshops, are on the court docket for Friday, May 4, when the 29th District Court, under the supervision of Judge Carolyn Archbold, hosts its annual Law Day program.

The program, a combined-effort by the local court and the Senior Activity Center, will include a wide range of activities. There also will be a continental breakfast.

Court and Senior Activity Center officials say that there is only limited space and they will accommodate those who wish to attend on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, please call the Senior Activity Center at 721-7460.

New programs

The Wayne Aquatic Area is the site of a new program that assists those who are suffering from arthritis.

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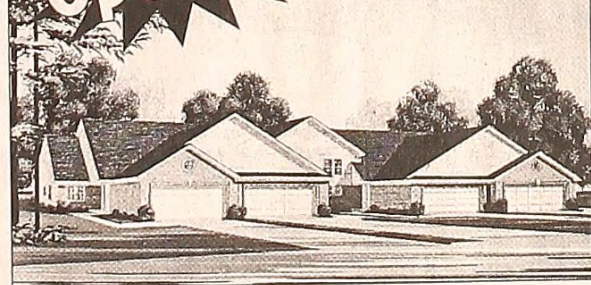
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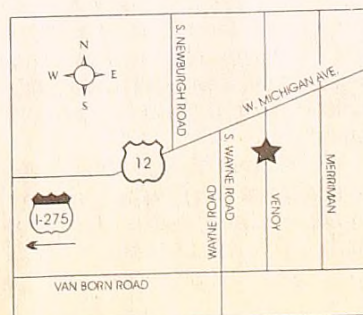
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Despite the rumors, Mayor Bivens alive and recovering

Hold up on those cards of sympathy. Don't order flowers, just yet. Despite all the rumors to the contrary, former longtime Inkster Mayor Ed Bivens is alive and laughing.

When Bivens took sick last week with a stroke, and was hospitalized in intensive care for several days, the rumor mill started churning at double time. By Friday, I was being told by a couple sources that Bivens was dead, and was in a real quandary as to whether we should print that in our Sunday paper or not.

To compound the quandary, our Inkster reporter and 35-year year friend of the mayor's, Tom Mooradian was on a short vacation. He had talked to January Bivens, the mayor's wife before he left and knew the situation was grave. I just knew, however, if Bivens were to die, Mooradian, on vacation or not, would be one of the first to know.

Well, I'm sure glad we refrained from announcing the former mayor's death. Mooradian called me Monday morning and said, "No way, I just talked to the guy, and he's laughing at all these people that have him in his grave already."

Further, Mooradian reported that wife January said she expects to bring Bivens home soon, and they are hoping for a full and speedy recovery.

Bivens jokingly told Mooradian, the two had made a pact along time ago that they would go to heaven together, and that both men have a lot of productive year's left.

This is certainly good news. The cantankerous Bivens, who lost the mayoral seat to Hilliard Hampton two years ago, is widely regarded as an astute politician and the man behind many of Inkster's improvements.

A former writer, Bivens has had a special relationship with the Inkster Ledger-Star and Mooradian, calling and talking a couple times weekly about what he liked and disliked in the newspaper. Never a loss for words, he and Mooradian would argue at the top of their lungs over the phone, or in person, only to conclude with kind words and a shake of hands.

We look forward to the mayor's ascerbic tongue and wit for many years to come. As an elder statesman along with longtime former councilperson James Colleran, his words of wisdom and keen sense of history will help the youth brigade as they slowly integrate into Inkster politics.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



IGUESS THE CHARGES COVERED BY MY CELLULAR PACKAGE DON'T INCLUDE PHONING IN A BOMB HOAX...

Millage follows Wrong Way Jones

Remember Wrong Way Jones, the football player who ran almost 100 yards in the wrong direction and scored a touchdown against his own team?

Though he meant well and ran swiftly — too fast for his teammates to tackle him — his faulty sense of direction burned his own side.

I bring him up because I fear that the Westland City Council may be running in the wrong direction if it penalizes taxpayers for a previous council and current mayor's mistake without also correcting the mistake.

The mistake was approving a 30-year extension of the city's pricey incineration contract based on dubious financial calculations that few other cities were inept enough to make at a time when many incinerators were going bust.

The penalty is the millions of extra dollars Westland taxpayers are being forced to pay for the mistake, a penalty that will be extended if taxpayers renew the city's one-mill incinerator millage, which expires June 30.

Yet, except for Sandy Cicirelli, Dennis LeMaitre, and Richard LeBlanc, council members are acting as if the incinerator debt is the fault of the citizens, not the politicians who agreed to pay a \$59-per-ton tipping fee instead of \$10-\$12 one. (I hope that newbies Eileen DeHart, Joe Eadeh, Jim Godbout, and Robert Stottlemeyer come forward too.)

How could council members willing agree to pay five-to-six times the going rate, you ask?

Because numbers can be made to lie. Here's how: Back in the mid-nineties, before Westland signed on to extending the incineration contract, Erik Schaeffer, then the Authority's director, persuaded city council members that there was no cost advantage in favor of landfills.

He did this by comparing the



Ivan Helfman

cost of incineration to cost of dumping Westland's household garbage in something called a "dedicated landfill cell."

The comparison should have, at the very least, raised red flags or, at the most, brought in the bunco squad, because no other city around here dumps at a dedicated landfill. I didn't even know what one was, so when I asked Schaeffer, he explained that it was a landfill cell used by only one customer.

He argued that potential contamination liability required the Central Wayne County Incinerator Authority to use a dedicated landfill cell.

At the time, the requirement raised the cost projections for land-filling by \$7 a ton or \$742,000 per year, making them almost as much as incineration — almost as much as the \$300,000 per year that the proposed millage will bring in.

These were the figures presented to the Westland City Council and were the basis for the council's approval (that and pressure from unions: construction workers unions, whose members would profit from expanding the incinerator; and the incinerator workers union, who members could keep their jobs).

However, the figures were, at best, a joke for several reasons: Oakland County officials, who I interviewed at the time, ridiculed the dedicated landfill requirement. It not only an off-the-wall proposal, but if anything, it could have increased the Authority's liability by making the Authority entirely responsible for contamination from that cell.

Worse, when the incinerator was shut down, the Authority used a regular landfill. Judged by their actions, it's doubtful even the Au-

thority would consider using a dedicated landfill cell when money was on the line.

Despite the evidence, a majority of the city council, urged on by Mayor Bob Thomas and his department of public service, voted to extend the contract, burdening taxpayers with millions of extra dollars in incineration costs for 30 more years.

This is the problem, not taxpayers' unwillingness to pay their fair share of garbage disposal costs.

The problem is that the mayor and previous council's decision will devastate the city's budget in a few years, unless taxpayers cleanup the mess.

While taxpayers have no choice but to come through or lose city services, I feel that they will be making a mistake unless the millage is linked to corrective measures. Otherwise, what will protect taxpayers from having to pay six times too much for water, snow plowing, or playing three-on-three basketball at the Bailey Recreation Center?

A garbage millage that does not force the mayor and city council to hire a special attorney expert in trash litigation go to court to break the incineration contract is, like Wrong Way Jones, running to the wrong goal line.

Many other local governments, with much less cause, broke their incineration contracts in the nineties: two in Oakland County and one Genesee. A few years ago, a lawsuit shut down the Clinton incinerator because the court said that incinerator hindered competition.

Some other communities prevailed in court by arguing that they had been misled into contracting for incineration, according to a *Wall Street Journal* article.

Given the misleading information about the Authority's supposed need for a dedicated landfill cell, I suggest pursuing the last course of action.

If the council does that, we can finally call them Right Way Jones.

MEAP standards are flawed

If you thought the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results by school district (released a couple of months ago) were shocking, wait until you see the results by individual schools.

The Michigan Board of Education appears to have painted itself into a corner and isn't sure what to do. The test results by individual schools were to be used to identify "failing" schools and to determine whether or not accreditation would be withdrawn from those not meeting the minimum state standards.

The criteria to be used were announced in advance of release of the test results, and quite possibly before the state had analyzed those results. Schools would be deemed failing if at least 25% of students taking the test did not pass in each of three areas: math, reading and science.

The list of failing schools was to have been released last week, but has been postponed. Last Sunday the Detroit News published a listing of test scores by individual schools in Livingston, Oakland and Wayne counties. Using the pre-announced criteria, very few schools "passed."



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus was quoted as saying, "We're very concerned that there is such a large number of under-performing schools. The 25-percent standard didn't seem like a difficult hurdle when we adopted it, but we may have to review this whole business." In other words, the standards are subject to change according to political considerations.

Indeed, the 25% standard is questionable at best. Remember, this only means that one quarter of students (taking the test) met state standards, whatever they are. When this writer was going to (public) school, if you got the right answer less than 70% of the time on a test you flunked. What is the state standard now?

Even if a student has to get at least 70% correct answers today to meet "state standards"; it is unacceptable for 75% or more failing to meet that low threshold.

That the MEAP tests are fatally flawed, as currently conducted, is obvious. For starters, not all students take the test. The state ignores tests where less than ten students participated. Charges have been made that some schools discourage their under-achieving students from taking the tests. Until all students are required to take the test, there is no valid assessment of the individual school to be made. One suspects the results would be even more dismal if all students were required to take the tests.

The second, and most important, question is "what is being tested?" Some critics say the tests ask about values and attitudes rather than factual knowledge. If that is true, how can there be any "objective" grading of the answers?

Finally, is there a "match" between what is being taught and what is being tested? Until there is, low test scores will be the norm.

Parents need to investigate both the curriculum in the child's school and the test questions. It could be that neither is what the parents really consider proper education.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Fat is beautiful, senior says

To the editor:

This is an answer to the letter ("Westland needs the real Slim Shady," April 15 Eyewitness) from Angela Frances Todd.

I don't know what kind of person you are, but I am sure that I am not the only enemy you have made with your article about obese women, our senior citizens, etc. You talk as if anyone who may be overweight doesn't have a right to live in Westland, or anywhere else for that matter.

I don't think God meant for everyone to be slim. I do however, think God had a sense of humor otherwise, he would not have made you! Angela, who do you think you are belittling everyone? Of course we all don't exercise everyday, but is that a reason to put us all down?

When I started reading your ar-

ticle, I thought perhaps you were 94 - not 54. You know, you being the perfect specimen at 54, you should be able to do cartwheels, I could at your age.

My roommate is overweight, and she has more compassion in her little finger than you or any of your friends (if you have any) have in their whole body. I have always thought and I do believe in according to God's teachings, it is what's inside that matters most. So, come Judgment Day, and yes, we will all face it, I certainly do not have any fear for her or myself making it through the gates of heaven — but, I do have doubts about you.

Why should the people who are in charge of the Westland Festival, make walking paths? Go to the mall if you want to walk and walk from the time they open until they

close if you like. By all means, if you like exercising, do so; but some of us can't walk very far, through no fault of our own and for many more reasons other than "laziness," which you suggest.

It is very wrong for you to push your lifestyle off on everyone else. I'm gay and there are hundreds of us here in Westland and in every other city throughout the world. How would you like it if I tried pushing my lifestyle on you? As far as I know, we both put our pants on the same way, one leg at a time — unless of course, you are in such good shape — you hung yours on the wall and run and jump in them!

By the way, I am 68-years-young, I have had a stroke, a heart attack, I am legally blind, and, oh yes, I am 30 pounds overweight. I love it here in Westland and I've

been here more than 25 years. Do I have your permission to continue living in Westland, or should I sell my home and move? Perhaps with the way you feel — you should!

Doing the best with what I've got and doing without with what I need.

A happy Senior of Westland
Sandy Capley

PS. You really shouldn't knock our seniors because, if you live long enough, you'll be one of use in a few years yourself. By the way, I do feel sorry for you and for any others that may also have your view and mind capacity. Prayer is a powerful thing, so I will include you on the list of people to pray for this next Sunday in church.

But do remember, God doesn't like ugly insides.



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Cop's open letter to Judge Carolyn Archbold

Dear Judge Archbold:

I would like to report that I was recently in your courtroom and, while there I witnessed a crime. The crime was serious, though probably not noticed by many. The crime, like others, had a victim, but the offender, like many, didn't seem to care. You probably didn't notice it yourself, as you sat on your bench in judgment because you, Judge, were the offender and the crime was willful neglect of duty, to say the least.

As a police officer, I have been in many courtrooms and have listened to many judges hand out sentences. Some of the verdicts I have been surprised at and some I've been disappointed in. It comes with the job. But on Tuesday, I witnessed you "sentence" a women charged with assault and battery on a police officer to NOTHING. No sentence. No fine. Why? Because she had a good grade point average? Because she was going to Michigan State? Because she was charged a cover fee to enter the establishment she was at the night of the assault?

You were not there when Wayne Police called for assistance from four neighboring departments because of the near riot

that was going on at Wayne Bowl that night. I was there. Charging a cover didn't cause the riot. In fact, it wasn't caused by anything done by Wayne Bowl. Two girls fighting over a boy caused it. Unfortunately, there were hundreds of young adults that decided to join in the rowdiness, including Miss Hill. Several fights broke out. We didn't hesitate for a moment to assist our fellow officers because they needed help. That night, there were easily 30 people that should have gone to jail. Out of those, only 3 went. Why? Because they were the most serious offenders.

The disorderly persons could be warned. The trespassers could be warned. The people that went to jail were the ones who jeopardized everyone's safety that night.

Why is it that a simple A&B is a 90-day misdemeanor and A&B on a PO. a two-year misdemeanor? If I had to guess, I would say it's because our legislators recognized a long time ago that to assault an officer who is doing his/her duty is a serious offense. It is a slap in the face to our justice system. A message was intended to be sent to all would-be offenders. What mes-

sage did you send Judge Archbold?

I will acknowledge that this was not the crime of the century. I will concede and assure you my injury was not serious. That is not the point. The fact remains, it could have been.

Does Miss Hill have to think about her crime while she spends time in jail? Will she ponder her mistake while picking up trash on the work program? Will she realize her wrong as she has to pay a fine from some hard-earned savings? Or while she at least is made to turn and apologize to the officer she assaulted, will she ask for forgiveness? The answer is no. Because she didn't have to do any of this.

Judge Archbold, whether you realize it or not, there are men and women protecting you right now. They put their lives on the line for you and every other citizen every day they go to work. Some of them never get to go home. They've paid the ultimate price for your freedom. They are

police officers and yes, even they can be victims of crime.

As a judge, the citizens put their trust in you that people will be safe in their communities. That, when caught and tried, offenders will be punished and taught a lesson. And because of this belief, people sleep better at night and are happy. Police officers are citizens too. We live in your community and desire the same assurance that offenders will be punished. We've earned the right to see justice served.

It's not too late Judge Archbold. You still wield great power from the bench. You have the opportunity to hush your critics (and trust me, they're out there) and assert yourself as a champion of justice: Your community has put great trust in you. Please don't take it for granted.

Sincerely,
Mark C. Engstrom
Police Sergeant/Crime Victim

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New leadership needed for changing times

To the editor:

So now Mayor Thomas has pulled petitions for the mayoral race. What's on his mind? Does he really think that his State of the City speech and all the token plaques he received will make up for all that's happened in the last two years?

Yes, I really think he started out as a good mayor and I did vote for him, but now its time for him to step aside and let change come full force. That doesn't demean all the good that he's done, but things are changing and leadership needs a change.

The general fund has dropped, the water rates are up, and there's a rumor that he re-appointed a recalled council person to the LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority), and this supposedly happened in February of this year. If this is true, why?

Mayor Thomas has only attended two council meetings since the recall was completed. He stated he would attend when things were civil again. Well, either he has a different perceptive of civil then most of us, or he hasn't bothered to view any. They are very civil and very productive.

I've attended most of the policy and procedure meetings and the ethics committee meetings, and they are not only productive and civil but educational as well. And things are moving quickly toward a charter review committee — something that is long overdue.

I may be wrong, but it seems that Mayor Thomas shuns community participation, and here I thought that meant good government.

I hope all the voters in Westland take these things into consideration when they vote either in the primary and/or general election — be it for mayor or council person.

This should be a very active and interesting year as there will be six council seats to fill and the mayor's seat and the possibility of voting on electing or appointing

a record turnout. I can't say this enough. If everyone who can and is registered to vote votes, it will make a huge difference in Westland, not to mention it would shock the leadership, for Westland is noted for low voter turn out — not that it's different from most other communities.

I hope everyone keeps themselves well-informed and watches the council meetings and reads the local papers for voting information as the elections get nearer. Something that should now be easier for many since WLND has begun showing local shows, such as the council and planning commission meetings, along with other local interest programming.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 office, plans to issue a permit to Sun Pipe Line Company to construct and operate a Class 1 non-hazardous waste injection well located in Wayne County, Michigan. This is your change to send written comments on this proposed Class 1 non-hazardous waste injection well permit.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires us to regulate underground injection of fluids through wells to protect the quality of underground sources of drinking water. This is done in part by issuing permits to owners/operators of underground injection wells. The permit applicant has permission of, or has applied for permission to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) pursuant to part 625, Mineral Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). The regulations governing underground injection wells are at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Parts 144 and 146. The procedure for the permit process is at 40 CFR §124.5. More information about our program is on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/r5water/uic/uic.htm>.

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Wayne wins inaugural Cherryland title

Zimmerman zaps undefeated Ludington; Ybarra beats Traverse City West

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Coach Tom Wakefield returned to the high school - Traverse City West - where he was first afforded an opportunity to coach baseball. Wayne and Wakefield didn't disappoint the crowds.

Wakefield, in his first full-year as Wayne Memorial's head baseball coach, watched as his ball club clobbered previously undefeated Ludington, 10-7, in the opening round, then crushed host, Traverse City West, 19-9, in the championship round to capture the inaugural Cherryland Baseball Classic.

Pleased with the tournament victory and his team's hitting, Wakefield was not too pleased with the defense.

Wayne committed a total of nine errors in the two games.

"The trip up north didn't take anything away from our hitting, but our defense looked like it was on vacation," the Wayne coach commented. "Our hitting definitely carried us in this tournament."

Wayne exploded for four runs in the second inning against West to give winning pitcher, Ryan Ybarra, a 5-2 advantage. The junior hurler successfully protected the lead.

The tournament champ put the host away with five runs in each of the sixth and seventh

Our hitting definitely carried us in this tournament.
- Tom Wakefield

innings.

Ybarra picked up his first win in two official outings. He worked the first five innings, gave up six runs, of which five were earned, and pitched a six-hitter. He also fanned five and walked three.

Reliever Bob Bailey finished up for Ybarra.

Wayne pounded three West pitchers for 15 hits - one was an inside-the-park homer by Adam See, who also collected two singles. Teammate Pat Barter chipped in four hits, all

singles, and an RBI in five trips to the plate.

Wayne's Adam Zimmerman contributed three hits, a pair of singles and a double, and three RBIs, while Jose Sabino doubled and singled. Chris Montoya also laced a pair of singles for the winners.

Ludington was riding the crest of a seven-game winning streak when it clashed with Wayne in the opening round. They made short work of Wayne starter, Barter, who lasted two-thirds of an inning,

gave up five runs, four of them earned, in the first inning.

Zimmerman inherited a 5-3 deficit when he took over the mound and his teammates came back with a run in the second, two in the third, and three more in the sixth after tallying a single run in the fifth.

Zimmerman scattered four hits, notched four strikeouts and gave up two runs to earn the victory.

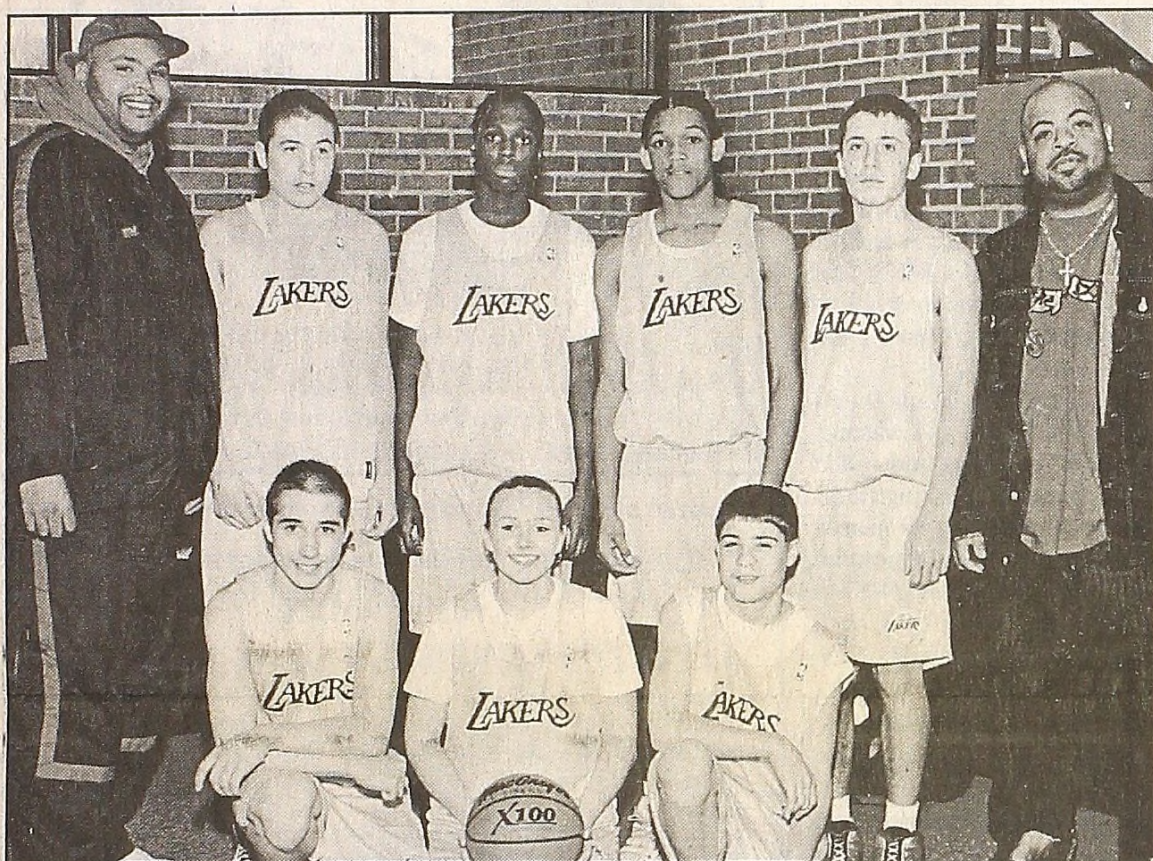
Wayne struck early against Ludington. The Zebras put three runs on the board in the opening inning after one out. Ybarra sparked the surge as he walked, went to third on See's single and when Chris Cox also walked, it loaded the

bases for Montoya who belted a sacrifice fly.

With Barter at the plate, See stole home. Barter then came through with a double.

In the sixth, Wayne took the lead for good when Sabino got aboard on an error, was sacrificed to second by Ybarra, then See drilled a run-scoring single. With Cox up, See stole second and Cox's grounder was mishandled, paving the way for the second run of the inning. Montoya's sacrifice chased home the third run.

Wayne entered the week with a 3-2 overall and a 1-0 Mega-White record. They were scheduled to resume divisional play yesterday as host to Ypsilanti.



Lakers are league champs

With an impressive 8-2 overall record, the Lakers captured the Westland Youth Athletic Association's Varsity League Basketball title. Members of the team are Chase Carney (kneeling, from left), Amber Pilot, and Brett Sullivan; Second row, from left, are Coach Robert Kyle, Torrance Hoffman, Colvin Byrd, Ronald Taylor, Andrew Suchan, and Coach Greg Walker.

Mosby, 800-meter Romulus relay strike gold at Elks

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although the spring break took its toll on team members, who apparently opted to go on vacation trips with their families, Romulus High's depleted track and field team managed to claim its share of gold medals at the Dearborn Elks Relays.

Romulus's eight-member track team placed first in two events and second in a third.

Romulus Coach Norb Glover put together an 800-meter relay at the prestigious Elks Relays that won the event. The lineup included Michael Woods, Ray Graves, Joe Wasson and Chris Talley who combined for a 1:34.0.

Glover said he and his staff have had a tradition of permitting team members to join families that have planned vacations during the Easter holidays. They are



Myron Mosby

excused from practice.

"It's our opinion that the family must come first. I know some people (and coaches) will disagree with that philosophy, but that's the way it is with me," Glover added.

Although Romulus did not win the shot put relay, the Eagles had the best shot putter in the field at Dearborn in senior Myron Mosby.

Mosby beat out a field that in-

cluded at least two state-ranked shot putters. The Romulus senior's toss of 44 feet, 9 inches was the best for the meet.

Romulus' 400-meter relay team, made up of Woods, Graves, Wasson and Talley, settled for second place when Adrian's four-some beat them across the finish line.

Romulus, the defending state champ, was back on the track Tuesday when they hosted Mega Conference opponents Ecorse and Ypsilanti in a crossover triangular meet. Ecorse represents the Mega-Gold, and Ypsi is affiliated with the Mega-Red, while Romulus is in the Mega-White.

The Eagles have a rare Thursday afternoon off which will give them time to regroup and welcome their teammates back into the fold. A full contingent of Eagles is expected to compete on Saturday in the Lincoln Relays.

Rockets explode against Dearborn, sweep series

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Scoring 14 runs and banging out 15 hits in two games, John Glenn 'mercied' Dearborn, 10-0, in the first of two games, then edged the Pioneers, 4-3, to sweep both ends of a non-conference doubleheader.

The two victories lifted the Rockets to a 6-2 overall record as the last week of April began.

"We're showing a lot of poise and we're improving with each game," said Glenn Coach Todd Duffield. "But the week ahead is going to determine the character of this team."

The Westlanders are scheduled to play five games in seven days. They have three Western Lakes Conference opponents to contend with, weather permitting. They were scheduled to play at Farmington on Monday, travel to Farmington Hills Harrison on Wednesday, and square off with Livonia Stevenson on Friday before engaging Hartland for a doubleheader on Saturday.

The Glenn-Wayne Memorial game, canceled because of in-

But the week ahead is going to determine the character of this team.

clement weather, has been rescheduled for May 12.

In the first game against Dearborn, Glenn's junior righthander Brandon Ajlouny pitched three scoreless and hitless innings, struck out two and walked one to pick up his third straight victory.

Ajlouny got relief help from Kyle Rutkowski, who finished up.

The Rockets erupted for three runs in the first inning, then came back for five in the bottom of the third to wrap up the decision. Rick Verville continued his strong performance at the plate where he singled and doubled. Teammate Will Massey drove in three runs with a single and a double while Julian Fraser also doubled and singled and also drove in three runs.

In the nightcap, Glenn rallied for three runs in the sixth to pull out the 4-3 victory. In that decisive inning, Josh Day got things started

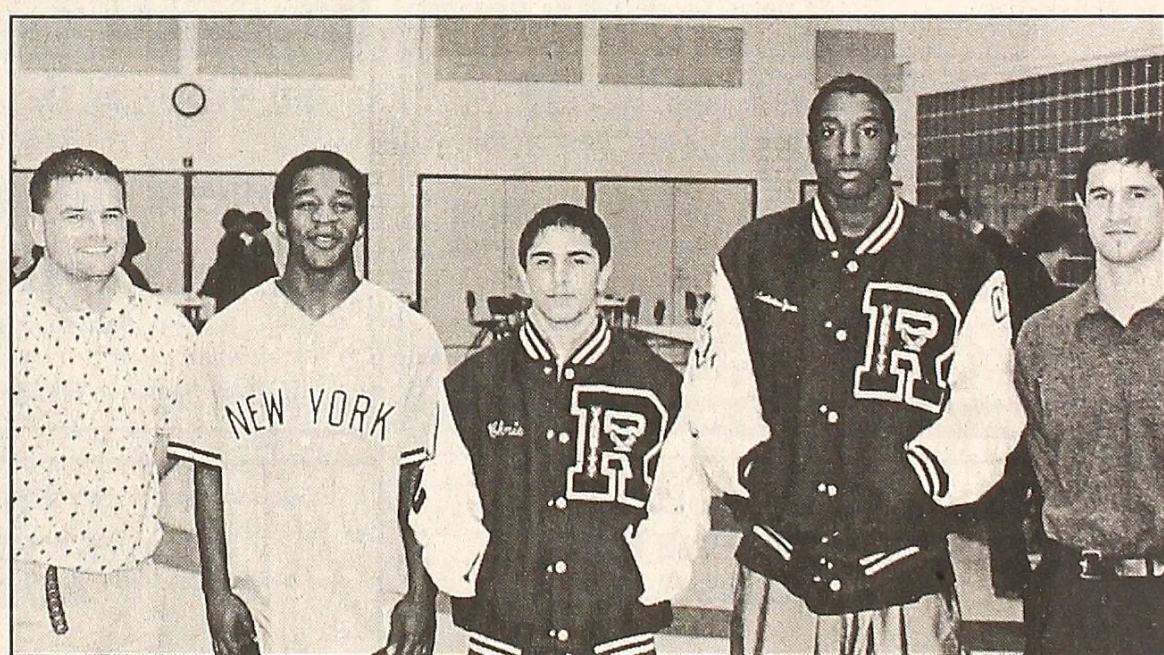
when he worked losing pitcher Aaron Hipple for a walk. Hipple then retired the next two batters who faced him. He would have gotten out of trouble if the center-fielder had not dropped Rick Verville's fly ball.

With runners on first and third, Verville stole second. Then Rutowski drilled a Hipple curve down the right field line to empty the bases.

Rutkowski scored in the fifth to give the Rockets their first run in the nightcap. He came around after he stole second and Fraser's single.

Glenn's senior righthander Dave Mijal started the game and was relieved in the third after he gave up three runs and three hits. He struck out six and walked two. Reliever Julian Fraser, who worked the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings was awarded the victory. He fanned five, walked two and gave up a harmless single. Nate Campbell finished up.

In digesting the loss, Hipple was tagged for four runs and struck out eight. However, his teammates committed four costly errors that cost him the victory.



All-Staters honored

Romulus High recently honored three members of the high school varsity wrestling team, who earned coveted All-State recognition. The three athletes recognized for their outstanding performances are Micah Wade, who placed third at state, Chris Anderson, who placed seventh, and Tai Lane, who was eighth. With the All-Staters are Assistant Coach Dennis Anderson (at left) and Head Coach Jason Balcom (at right).

Dessellier says young Tigers have their work cut out for them

Belleville is playing .500 ball

Faced with a new and a tough challenge, first-year Belleville High baseball coach Chris Des-

sellier says his young Tigers will have their work cut out for them.

Dessellier, who replaced Pat Digman as head coach this year, has the Tigers off to a .500 start. They lost to Trenton, 4-3, in their only Mega-Red Conference game.

"It's something different and a lot of work," says Dessellier, of his new responsibilities. "It definitely is a lot of work. But I enjoy it."

The 26-year-old Dessellier, who was drafted by the Seattle

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- Coach Dessellier

Mariners and remained with the east coast ball club for four years before he was picked up by the Detroit Tigers, served as the junior varsity coach at Belleville before being hired as the head coach.

"We have talent on this ball club, but we also have a lot of work to do," stressed Dessellier. "In time, we will be all-right."

Belleville's only other loss was a 10-2 setback at the hands of Chelsea. On Thursday the Tigers

swept a pair from Willow Run in a Mega Conference crossover.

In the opener, Tiger righthander Derrick DuFrame tossed a two-hitter, carded a career high 14 strikeouts and walked one in chalking up a 5-1 victory.

Belleville's Steve Edwards and Phil Meadows each contributed two hits apiece.

The Tigers swept the doubleheader thanks to R. C. Linzell's five-hitter. Linzell notched 10

strikeouts, walked three, in chalking up his first win, 5-4.

Danny Miles drilled a run-scoring double that provided the winning edge in this one.

Belleville got a look at Garden City last night as the Tigers returned to Mega-Red competition. They are scheduled to travel to Southgate Anderson on Thursday and have been invited to compete Saturday in the Chelsea Invitational.

Canton, Divine Child split

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton and Coach Scott Dickie live and die on defense.

Against Dickie's Alma Mater, Divine Child, the Chiefs "died" in the first game of a twin bill as the Chiefs committed five errors and came out at the shortend of a 4-3 decision with D. C.

In the second encounter, Canton recovered, played over two errors and outlasted the Falcons, 10-9, for the split.

D. C. helped in its demise in the nightcap as the Falcons' defense was charged with four errors.

Canton blew a 3-2 lead in the opening game. D. C. capitalized on two costly errors and a triple to score the tying and winning runs in the last inning.

Canton pitcher Greg Neimo was the victim of his teammates' porous defense. He tossed a four-hitter, struck out eight in taking the loss.

Of the nine Canton hits, Oliver Wolcott collected two, one of them

was a two-run blast that came in the bottom of the third inning with Jay Sofen aboard.

Canton reciprocated. The Chiefs also waited until the bottom of the seventh to pull out the victory. Trailing 9-8 in the final frame, the Chiefs started their rally when Joe Kodratek walked, then moved to second with Chris Pirch's bunt single. Sofen sacrificed, the runners reaching second and third.

Brent Kowtkowski then came through with a two-run single that sealed the victory.

Mark Hanson started for the Chiefs and pitched 4 2/3 innings. He gave up six runs, three of them earned, and six hits before Matt Staley took over and finished up. Staley was credited with the win.

Canton has three key Western Lakes Conference games scheduled for the week.

They faced Livonia Churchill on Monday; took on Farmington on Wednesday, and will return to the home field on Friday to clash with Walled Lake Western.

Softball managers attention

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Parks and Recreation officials continue to sign up teams this week for their summer softball and baseball programs.

Officials stress that men and women divisions will be organized if there is enough interest.

Managers and coaches may register their teams in the following leagues:

The Monday/Wednesday Men's White Division, which plays its games on Field A, will be made up of eight teams that will play a 21-game schedule. Games will be conducted beginning at 6:30 p.m., 7:40, 8:50 and 10 p.m. There is a \$575 registration fee.

Officials also plan to organize a Monday/Wednesday Women's (White Division) league that will play on Diamond B. Eight teams are anticipated. There is a 14-game schedule. Games will be held at 6:30 p.m., 7:40, 8:50 and 10 p.m. To sign up, managers will have to pay a \$375 entry fee.

Eight teams and a 14-game schedule is also planned for a Friday Men's Red Division (Field A) competitive league, officials say. The registration fee is \$475, and games will start at 6 p.m.

There are two other divisions on the drawing boards, according to recreation officials.

A Friday Men's Blue Division (Field B) Recreational League, made up of eight teams which will play 14 games. Registration fee is \$475. Also, a Sunday Men's Doubleheader White Division, with 10 teams and 18 games, also is planned.

Team managers or team representatives may contact the Romulus Recreation Department at 734-942-6852 for further information.



Wendy Palmer, an WNBA All-Star with the Detroit Shock, was in town recently to show and tell what it takes to become a professional ball player. Palmer (above, back row at left) is pictured with Merriman Elementary School students - Jonathan Daugherty (first row, from left), Martez Lewis, Ericka Wasson, Roderick Barksdale, James Allen, and Dyonna Taplin. Also pictured is Eve Clark, the Shock Community Relations Specialist.

Hoop pro shows and tells what it takes to be a star

What does it take to play basketball in a professional league? Wendy Palmer knows.

And Palmer, who is a member of the Detroit Shock, and a WNBA All-Star, recently discussed her career with students at the Merriman Elementary School in Romulus.

Palmer participated in the school's assembly and during the assembly encouraged students to get involved in sports, to

study hard and get good grades. She also invited them to take part in a basketball clinic scheduled for June 2.

Students who attend the clinic will receive two free tickets to a Detroit Shock game this spring.

Palmer explained how she began in sports and had mixed feelings because she was not sure how her Baptist Minister

father would react. Eventually her father came to like sports and supported her in her athletic endeavors.

Palmer was selected as a two-time Miss Basketball in Tennessee and later was a three-time national high jump champion while attending the University of Virginia where she also started on the basketball team.

Flag football anyone?

Total Soccer is planning a 7 vs. 7 Flag Football League starting Thursday, May 3 through June 21.

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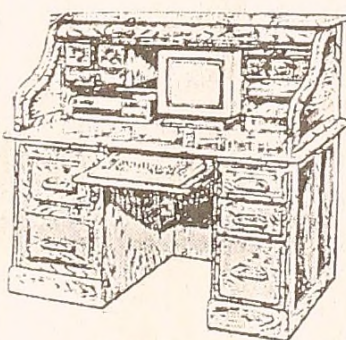
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Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
Inkster, Michigan

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CITY OF INKSTER ABSTRACT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE City Council met at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, April 2, 2001. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Bostedor, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: None. CONSENT Calendar item approved: Minutes from 3/19/01 Regular Council Meeting. APPROVED payment for \$2,686.10 to Wade Trim; request from Faithway Full Gospel Baptist Church. DENIED Offers to Purchase City-owned properties from Esau Davis, Arsharainn O'Neal-Cole and Alisa O'Neal. AUTHORIZED solicitation of sealed bids for horticultural services for five (5) city-owned buildings: solicitation of sealed bids for one IBM AS/400 Application Computer Server; Wade Trim to prepare road designs for West River Park Drive, North River Park Drive, Blackstone, Meadowbrook, Arlington and Northland; awarding contract to Electric Data System for Data/Video Projector for \$4,837.13. APPROVED Offers to Purchase City-owned properties: \$1,560.00 to Charles G. Barton; \$1,050.00 to Lurlee G. Brown; \$880.00 to Mia L. Whitlow & Arsharainn O'Neal. APPROVED resolution for the United States of Steelworkers; purchase and installation of two (2) Weather Warning Systems in the northeast and southwest sections of the city; resolution to waive and forgive \$192,114.00 from Inkster Housing. MEETING adjourned at 8:27 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

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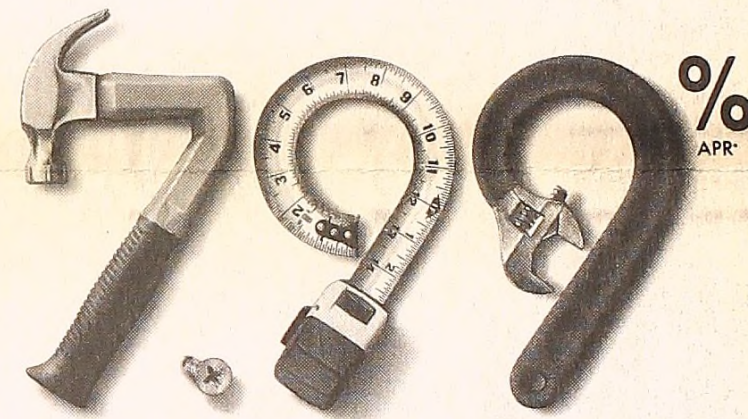
LOCATION	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
City-wide	Emergency/Senior Services	\$16,000
City-wide	Neighborhood Home Revitalization	\$91,000
	Administration	\$15,900
Kiwanis Park	New Shelter, landscaping and equipment	\$20,000
City-wide	Community Housing Rehabilitation	\$16,100
	TOTAL	\$159,000

Further information is available by contacting Peter J. McInerney, Community Development Director, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or by calling (734) 722-2002.

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Specifications and bid forms are available in the Purchasing Department, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Information regarding specifications should be directed to Mr. Phillip Hamilton, M.I.S. Manager at (313) 563-0212, Monday, through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

BALL, WILLIAM E., 41 of Inkster (born in Westland to George and Mary Ball) passed away April 7. He leaves behind to mourn his passing his mother Mary Alice; sister Janice; brothers George, Terry, Alan, Jarriett and Tony; friends Diane; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terry Hister officiating.

CHESTANG, ROSSIE G., 54 of Inkster (born in Mobile, Ala., to Eneaus and Clementine Polk), passed away March 14. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 37 years Elbert; children Elbert Jr., Wanda, and Robert; four sisters; three brothers; twelve grandchildren; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Howard officiating.

COPP, GEORGE N., 81 (a life long resident) of Belleville, passed away April 11. Beloved husband of Pearl E. (Walters) Copp. Dear father of Alice (Robert) Smith of Prescott, MI; George W. (Cheryl) Copp of Belleville; Jeannie (Robert) Lee of Taylor; Elizabeth Mandelka of Ann Arbor; Margaret (Ron) Raines of Pickney; and Violet (Cary) Grams of Dundee. Dear father-in-law of Wesley Smith of Clare, MI. Dear son of the late George and Genevieve (Colburn) Copp. Dearest brother of Helen (Paul) Freeman of Midland and Alice (Larry) Lummetta of Westland. Dear brother-in-law of June Copp of Algonac. He is also survived by eighteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his eldest daughter Thelma Smith; brothers Butch Copp and Harry Copp; and sister Jane Mills. He worked at Webb Forging in Belleville. He loved spending time with his family, especially his kids and grandkids. He also enjoyed playing euchre, watching baseball and watching wrestling. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with

Father Bill Lamphear officiating. Interment followed at Martinsville Cemetery, Belleville. memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

CRAWFORD, CORA, 70 of Inkster (born in Gainsville, AL to Joseph and Pearlie Pope), passed away March 21. She leaves behind to cherish her memory children Jennifer, Margaret, Jacqueline, Vera, Mable, Elaine, and Roosevelt; sixteen grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Detroit.

EAGLE, STEVEN RAY, 20 of Westland, passed away April 13. Loving son of Ray and Sharon Eagle. Dear brother of Robert Paul Eagle. Beloved grandson of Yukiko Woo and the late Aik Tung Woo; Boyd and Jan Proctor. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with family and friends officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

HENDERSON, IONA, 90 of Westland (born in Macon, GA to Willie and Ella Clark), passed away March 26. She worked for many years as a foster grandmother at Inkster Head Start. She leaves behind to cherish her memory children Ella, Iona, Laura, Daniel, Sophia, Nettie, Oliver, and Lydia; forty eight grandchildren; seventy-four great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

IVEY, FRANKLIN S., 36 of Inkster (born in Reynolds, GA to Melvin and Maxine Ivey), passed away March 26. He served in the Marines and worked for Ford Motor Company. He leaves behind his parents, Melvin and Maxine; his wife Glynis; children Franklin, Brandon, and

Tiera; siblings Sharon, David, Melvin Jr., Carl; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held in Thomaston, GA.

JOHNSON, REV. LOUISE, 74 of Inkster (born in Jeffersonville, GA to Fred and Christine Carswell), passed away April 3. She opened Inkster's first Soup Kitchen and served St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church as a pastor. She leaves to mourn her passing children Benjamin and Chauncey; grandchildren Christian, Jeremiah, Angelle, Benjamin and Niya; five sisters; three brothers; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Getsamane Baptist Church.

MITCHELL, CAROLINE, 91 of Inkster (born in Shaw, MS to Calvin and Belle Givens), passed away March 25. She is survived by nephew Leon Sutton; several grands, great-grands, and great-great grands; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Bennie Oliphant officiating.

MORGAN, MATTIE, 78 of Ypsilanti (born in Columbus, GA to James and Mary Williams), passed away March 21. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter Myrsteen; brother Carl; grandchildren Sharonda, Eric, and Sable; six

great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terry Hister officiating.

OXLEY, NEALE TREVOR, 34 of Westland, passed away April 14. Loving son of Judith Hausch and the late Perry Oxley. Loving stepson of Lawrence Hausch and Tammy Malone. Beloved brother of Tiffany Oxley, Allen (Donna) Oxley, David (Dominique) Hausch, Matthew (Ann Marie) Hausch. Dear grandson of Carol Gura and the late Joseph Gura; Maryann Hausch and the late Victor Hausch. Dear uncle of Tyler Oxley, Madison Hausch, Austin Hausch, Lindsey Hausch, Luke Hausch, and Jacob Hausch. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

PANGMAN, KIMBERLY ANN, 37 of Wayne passed away April 13. Loving companion of Tim Glisson. Beloved mother of Jeremy Curry and Krista Curry. Dear sister of Tony Desselles, Deborah Listman, Jerry Desselles, Terry Desselles, and Norman Desselles. Dear granddaughter of Lois Scott. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Fred Schindler officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

SANDERS, AULDENE, 83 of Ypsilanti, passed away April 13. Loving mother of Richard (Patricia) Sanders, Carol (Robert) Campbell, Ronald (Mary) Sanders, and Lana Sue (Dewey) Scott. Dear sister of Leah Copeland, Rayzelle Jolly, Bud Jolly, Robbin Jolly, Harold Jolly, the late Luther Jolly, the late Morris Jolly, the late Willie Jolly, and the late Horace Jolly. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Dr. Donald Gregory officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Contributions can be made in her honor to Palmer Road Baptist Church, 33740 Palmer Road, Westland, MI, 48186.

STOVALL, WILLIAM, 78 of Ypsilanti (born in Renzi, MS to Andrew and Maddie Stovall), passed away April 2. He served in the US Navy during WWII and 31 years at Ford Motor Company. He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Mary; children Fred, Larry, Lyn, Norma, Barbara, Karen, and Rosalind; two sisters; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Christ Temple Church in Ypsilanti.

THOMPSON, BETSY ANN, 77 of Wayne, passed away April 14. Loving

mother of Joyce Johnson, Virginia Griffin, Sally (Paul) Schaerer, and Sherry (Fred) Leach. Dear sister of Edith DuPont, the late Margaret, and the late Robert Clarke. Loving grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of five. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Williams. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery. Contributions can be made in her honor to the Alzheimer Association or Angela Hospice.

WELLS, NATHANIEL "TOM", 67 of Inkster (born in Detroit to James and Laura Wells), passed away April 6. He served in the US Army. He also served as a cement finisher and plumbers assistant. He leaves behind siblings Lawrence, Horace, Theodore, and Martha; special friend Louise; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Terrell Jackson officiating.

WILLIAMS, LETHA A., 52 of Inkster (born in Pratt City, AL to Willis and Alberta Glover), passed away April 2. Left here to celebrate her homecoming are her children Otis, Dennis, and Tonetta; friends Richard Bailey; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services

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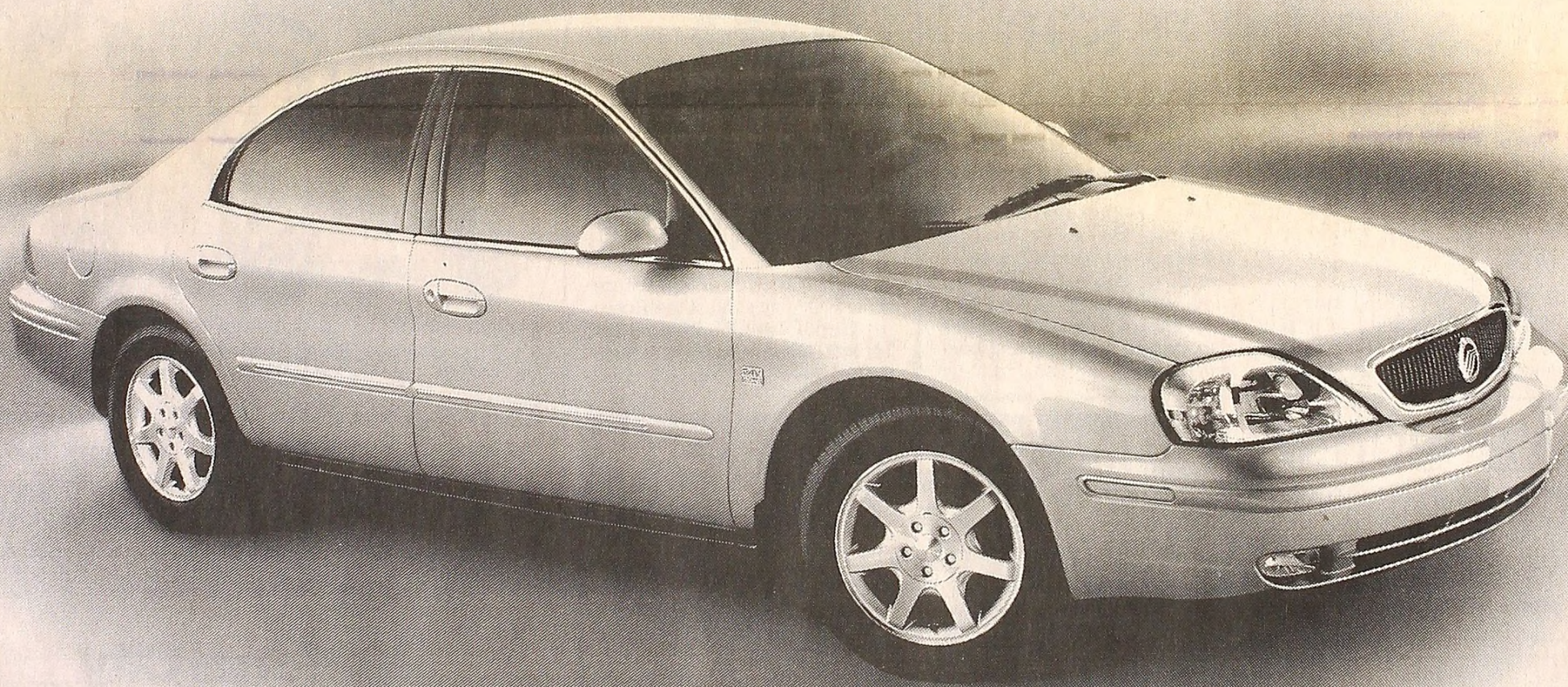
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The 22th District Court's case load will be heard at Inkster High School on Tuesday to give students an opportunity to witness first-hand what it is like to be accused of a crime. The occasion is the 12th annual Law Day program, organized by the local schools under the supervision of Judge Sylvia James (seated in middle, in photo above). Court will be in session at 9 a.m. Also pictured are Inkster and Robichaud students who will participate in the program, high school administrators and court officials.

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SUPER DRIVES

2001 FOCUS ZX3

Stk. #11810



110 Focuses Available

Financing As Low As 2.9%

ZX3 3-DOOR
Sangria red cc metallic, dark charcoal cloth, 2.0L engine, automatic transaxle, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, aluminum wheels, c/c free air cond.

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WAS \$15,265 NOW \$12,746^{85*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$216 ^{16**}	\$170 ^{11**}

2001 TAURUS SES

Stk. #14111



145 Tauruses Available

0.9% Financing Available

4 DOOR SES
Silver frost clearcoat metallic, dark charcoal cloth bucket, 3.0L 2V 6 cyl. engine, auto overdrive transmission, front and rear floor mats, power moonroof, 5 passenger seating, mach stereo, 6 disk CD changer.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$21,710 NOW \$17,579^{00*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$275 ^{52**}	\$230 ^{59**}

2001 RANGER XLT

Stk. #13049



179 Rangers Available

\$2000 Rebate or Financing As Low As 0.9%

SUPER CAB 4x2
Deep wedgewood blue clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, chrome 15" wheels, 4.0L V6 engine, 5 sp. auto trans., tilt, 6 disc CD changer, pwr windows, pwr locks, air conditioning, remote entry.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$22,320 NOW \$15,922^{35*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$196 ^{71**}	\$132 ^{55**}

2001 MUSTANG COUPE

Stk. #11503



43 Mustangs Available

Financing As Low As 2.9%

2 DOOR COUPE DELUXE
True blue clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth, 3.8L EFI engine, auto overdrive transmission, air and more.

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WAS \$18,785 NOW \$15,077^{45*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$266 ^{02**}	\$217 ^{53**}

2001 WINDSTAR LX

Stk. #12999



112 Windstars Available

\$3000 Rebate or Financing As Low As 0.9%

LX WAGON
Vibrant white clearcoat, medium graphite cloth interior, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission, aux. climate control, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, AM/FM stereo/disc/cass/clock.

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WAS \$26,770 NOW \$19,756^{15*}

A-PLAN 36 Month WINDSTAR TO LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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WAS \$31,520 NOW \$26,158^{00*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. EXPLORER TO LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
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2001 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT

Stk. #14001



Financing As Low As 2.9%

183 F-Series Available

STYLESIDE SUPER CAB 4x4 XLT
Deep wedgewood clearcoat, dark graph 40/60 split bench, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air conditioning, 5.4L EFI V8 engine, electronic 4 speed, 17" aluminum wheels, air conditioning, trailer tow package.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$32,410 NOW \$24,820^{30*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN	\$1500 DOWN
	\$354 ^{35**}	\$289 ^{12**}

2001 E-150 CONVERSION VAN

Stk. #11174



\$2000 Rebate or Financing As Low As 3.9%

15 Conversions Available

UNIVERSAL CONVERSION VAN
Toreador red clearcoat metallic, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, auto overdrive transmission, aux heat/air and much more.

Ford Employee or eligible family member

WAS \$28,609 NOW \$20,822^{10*}

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	\$372 ^{01**}	\$325 ^{31**}

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2001 TAURUS SES	0 Down	\$432
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2001 F-150 4X4 SUPERCAB	0 Down	\$414
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2001 RANGER 4X2 SUPER CAB XLT	0 Down	\$378
2001 E-150 CONVERSION VAN	0 Down	\$564


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